

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for operating a graphics program in a computer, comprising:
performing a Sheet Set Manager function in the graphics program, wherein the Sheet
5 Set Manager manages a one or more Sheet Sets, each of the Sheet Sets comprises a
collection of zero or more Sheets and Subsets of the Sheets, and each of the Sheets
comprises a drawing, layout or view.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the Sheets and Subsets are organized
10 logically in the Sheet Set.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the Sheet Set Manager is used for displaying,
accessing and managing the Sheet Sets, Subsets and Sheets, as well as editing the Sheet Sets,
Subsets and Sheets.
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4. The method of claim 1, wherein the Sheets are stored in one or more
different files.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein an organization of the files, and an
20 organization of the Sheets in the files, is managed by the Sheet Set Manager.
6. The method of claim 4, wherein the Sheet Set Manager locates the files,
presents current status information about the Sheets contained therein, and opens the files
for displaying, editing, publishing, transmitting, or archiving the Sheets.
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7. The method of claim 4, wherein the Sheet Set Manager provides an ability to
view and act on the Sheet Set, without having to identify the files used to store the Sheets.
8. An apparatus for operating a graphics program in a computer, comprising:
30 a Sheet Set Manager function in the graphics program, wherein the Sheet Set
Manager manages a one or more Sheet Sets, each of the Sheet Sets comprises a collection of

zero or more Sheets and Subsets of the Sheets, and each of the Sheets comprises a drawing, layout or view.

5 9. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the Sheets and Subsets are organized logically in the Sheet Set.

10 10. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the Sheet Set Manager is used for displaying, accessing and managing the Sheet Sets, Subsets and Sheets, as well as editing the Sheet Sets, Subsets and Sheets.

10 11. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the Sheets are stored in one or more different files.

15 12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein an organization of the files, and an organization of the Sheets in the files, is managed by the Sheet Set Manager.

20 13. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the Sheet Set Manager locates the files, presents current status information about the Sheets contained therein, and opens the files for displaying, editing, publishing, transmitting, or archiving the Sheets.

20 14. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the Sheet Set Manager provides an ability to view and act on the Sheet Set, without having to identify the files used to store the Sheets.

25 15. An article of manufacture embodying logic for operating a graphics program in a computer, the logic comprising:
performing a Sheet Set Manager function in the graphics program, wherein the Sheet Set Manager manages a one or more Sheet Sets, each of the Sheet Sets comprises a collection of zero or more Sheets and Subsets of the Sheets, and each of the Sheets comprises a drawing, layout or view.

30 16. The article of claim 15, wherein the Sheets and Subsets are organized logically in the Sheet Set.

17. The article of claim 15, wherein the Sheet Set Manager is used for displaying, accessing and managing the Sheet Sets, Subsets and Sheets, as well as editing the Sheet Sets, Subsets and Sheets.

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18. The article of claim 15, wherein the Sheets are stored in one or more different files.

19. The article of claim 18, wherein an organization of the files, and an
10 organization of the Sheets in the files, is managed by the Sheet Set Manager.

20. The article of claim 18, wherein the Sheet Set Manager locates the files, presents current status information about the Sheets contained therein, and opens the files for displaying, editing, publishing, transmitting, or archiving the Sheets.

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21. The article of claim 18, wherein the Sheet Set Manager provides an ability to view and act on the Sheet Set, without having to identify the files used to store the Sheets.